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THE Town of *Dunleer* in the County of *Louth*, is Incorporated, and made a free Burrough, by Charter granted the Third of *August*, the Thirty fifth Year of the Reign of King *Charles* the Second, and appointed to consist of a Sovereign and Twelve Burgesses.

The Sovereign, Burgesses and Freemen, have by the said Charter, a Power to Elect Members to serve in Parliament.

All Freemen before their Admission, are by Charter to take the Oath of Allegiance, and the Oath of a Freeman, in the Form prescribed by the Charter: And the Burgesses are to be chosen out of the Number of the Freemen.

Anthony Forster, the late Sovereign, and *John Forster* the present Sovereign of the said Borough, have used several unfair and indirect Practices, to get the said Corporation into their Power, in order to return such Members as they thought fit to serve in Parliament.

The said *Anthony Forster* and *John Forster* have been Sovereigns for several Years, and during that time Carry'd on the said Design; and have Entered several Persons as Freemen in the Corporation Books, who never took the Oaths of Freemen, and Procured Persons to be Elected Burgesses who were not Freemen.

The said *Anthony* or *John Foster* have admitted several Persons as Freemen of the said Corporation, upon exprefs Condition that they shou'd Vote for such Persons as they shou'd Direct.

Several of the Persons procured by the said Sovereign to Vote for the Sitting Member *Thomas Fortescue*, Esq; have never taken the Oaths of *Allegiance* and *Abjuration*, and the said Sovereign tho' a Justice of the Peace by Charter, Refus'd to Tender the said Oaths to them; tho' on the Poll Requested so to do.

The Books of the said Corporation have for a long time been in the Custody of the said *John Forster*, who has entred as Freemen, such Persons as he thought proper to serve his Purposes, and procured several to Vote on the late Election for the said *Thomas Fortescue*, Esq; his Brother in Law, whose Names are not so much as Entred in the said Books.

The Petitioner hopes to make it appear that he had a Majority of Legal Votes on the said Election, and that he ought to have been accordingly Returned as duly Elected, notwithstanding the great number of Persons whose Votes were Procured and Received by the said *John Forster*, for the said Mr. *Fortescue* his Brother in Law.

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